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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Pretta A et al provided a description of a real-world series on PDAC patients treated in a second-line setting for PDAC. The letter underlines an important issue, which is the need of finding personalized treatments, especially after the first cycle of chemotherapy. Considering the small number of patients I think that a realistic analysis through the Kaplan Maier might suffer from an unavoidable lack of statistical power, especially in the presence of few or single events. I suggest including a comment on the small number of patients as a limitation to draw solid results. The letter is well written and is suitable for publication.

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Thanks for the authors work. 1. the title, abstract, keywords, background, and methods were described properly. 2. It is recommended to use frequency (percentage) for statistical representation of a report with small sample in Table 1. 3. Brief figure legends should be added in Figures. 4. Ethics statement is required.